

(b) Amendments to the Claims

Kindly amend claim 1 and cancel claims 3-12 as follows. A detailed listing of all the claims that are or were in the application is provided.

1. (Currently Amended) A black toner comprising toner particles containing at least a binder resin, carbon black and a releasing agent, wherein:

the toner particle has weight-average particle diameter of 3.5 to 8.0 μm ;

total value of acid value and hydroxyl value of the toner is 30 to 75 mgKOH/g;

average circularity of particles contained in the toner having circle-equivalent diameter of 2 μm or more is 0.915 to 0.960;

loss tangent $\tan \delta$ (10^3 to 10^4 Hz) of the toner is represented by the following expression:

$$\tan \delta (10^3 \text{ to } 10^4 \text{ Hz}) \leq 0.0060$$

where the loss tangent $\tan \delta$ is represented by ϵ''/ϵ' where ϵ'' denotes dielectric loss factor and ϵ' denotes dielectric constant, and $\tan \delta$ (10^3 to 10^4 Hz) denotes the loss tangent in a frequency range of 10^3 to 10^4 Hz; [[and]]

a ratio of $\tan \delta$ (10^5 Hz) to $\tan \delta$ (5×10^4 Hz) is represented by the following expression:

$$1.05 \leq \tan \delta (10^5 \text{ Hz}) / \tan \delta (5 \times 10^4 \text{ Hz}) \leq 1.40$$

where $\tan \delta$ (10^5 Hz) denotes loss tangent at the frequency of 10^5 Hz and $\tan \delta$ (5×10^4 Hz) denotes loss tangent at the frequency of 5×10^4 Hz; and

wherein the toner has molecular weight distribution whose main peak is in a range of 3,000 to 40,000 in gel permeation chromatography (GPC) of tetrahydrofuran

(THF) extraction, and has Mw/Mn of 70 or more where Mw denotes weight-average molecular weight and Mn denotes number-average molecular weight.

2. (Previously Presented) The black toner according to claim 1, wherein the toner has a peak temperature of maximum endothermic peak of 60 to 95 ° C in a temperature range of 30 to 200 ° C of an endothermic curve of differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) measurement.

3.-12. (Cancelled)